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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AVWA	Antelope Valley Wildlife Area
Basin Plan	Sacramento–San Joaquin River Basin Plan
bgs	below ground surface
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CAL FIRE	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CalIPC	California Invasive Plant Council
CALTIP	Californians Turn In Poachers and Polluters
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CDFA	California Department of Food and Agriculture
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
cfs	cubic feet per second
CNDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
CRHR	California Register of Historical Resources
CRMP	coordinated resource management plan
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWHR	California Wildlife Habitat Relationships system
Department	California Department of Fish and Game
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DWR	Department of Water Resources
ECC	Grass Valley Emergency Command Center
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FRCRM	Feather River Watershed Coordinated Resource Management Group
GIS	geographic information system
ICS	Incident Command System
IS	Initial Study
IS/ND	initial study/negative declaration

LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Committee
LMP	land management plan
LWD	large woody debris
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
ND	Negative Declaration
NIS	Nonnative Invasive Species
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NSAQMD	Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
OHV	off-highway vehicle
PY	personnel year
QLG	Quincy Library Group
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SCWA	Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area
SFSU	San Francisco State University
Sierra Nevada	Sierra Nevada Mountain Range
Sierra Valley unit	Sierra Valley Hydrographic Unit
SR	State Route
STA	special treatment areas
SVGWB	Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin
SVRCD	Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
THP	Timber Harvest Plan
TNF	Tahoe National Forest
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WCB	Wildlife Conservation Board